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SUBJECT: LETHAL GAS EXPLOSION IN LOMBARDY--DR. POLAND'S
TRAVEL

REFERENCE A. ROME 12878 B. STATE 196962

1. DR. ALAN POLAND, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, SCHEDULED
ARRIVE ROME WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 TWA 890 AT 10:45
A.M. ACCORDING ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHICH PROVIDED
HIS AIR TICKET, DR. POLAND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT GO TO
MILAN BUT WILL BE MET AT ROME AIRPORT BY MR. CALABRO OF
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WHO WILL ESCORT HIM TO THAT MINISTRY IN
EUR.

2. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) ARRANGED ALL DAY
BRIEFING AUGUST 10 BY GROUP OF DIOXIN MEDICAL SPECIALISTS
FOR DR. POLAND AS OUTLINED PARA 2 REF B. BOTH DR. KEAR-
NEY AND OES OFFICER ALSO PARTICIPATED IN BRIEFING. DR.
POLAND WILL BRING TO ROME COPY OF TOXLINE BIBLIOGRAPHIC CI-
TATION LIST WHICH CONTAINS, 165 DIOXIN CITATIONS (PARA
REF A REFERS).

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3. NAS GROUP SOUGHT TO ASSURE THAT DR. POLAND WAS MADE

FULLY AWARE OF MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL ELEMENTS SIGNIFICANT IN MEETING GOI REQUEST FOR HIS EXPERTISE. SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO CONTACT ANY MEMBERS OF NAS GROUP, HE HAS THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

4. NAS GROUP DISCUSSED PROPOSED SIX-NATION TELEVISION CONFERENCE OF MEDICAL EXPERTS (STATE 195888 AND ROME 12861). GROUP EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FORMAT AND PRODUCTION OF TELECAST WOULD NEED TO BE VERY CAREFULLY PLANNED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE USEFUL RESULTS AND AVOID POSSIBLE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVITY IF PUBLICLY PRESENTED. CONSIDERING THESE COMPLEXITIES AND PROBABLE EXPENSE OF RENTING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS TIME AND TECHNICAL COSTS OF SIX-NATION HOOK-UP, GROUP WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE AS CHEAP AND PERHAPS MORE EFFECTIVE TO BRING MULTI-NATION MEDICAL EXPERTS TO MILAN FOR TELECAST ORIGINATING THERE. INCIDENTAL-
LY, ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM ROME ON PROPOSED TELECAST.

5. DR. POLAND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, ESPECIALLY AS TO POSSIBLE MEANS WHEREBY TELECAST COULD SERVE AS EFFECTIVE ELEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ANY PLAN TO DEAL WITH HEALTH EFFECTS OF TCDD POISONING DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF POLAND'S VISIT. ROBINSON

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